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PUEBLO CREW KIN DENY SPY CHARGE

Relatives Sensed Mystery,
But Knew Little Of Duties

New York, Feb. 24 (AP)—Relatives of several United States Navy men on the captured intelligence ship Pueblo today they had sensed some kind of mystery about the vessel's activities. All, however, rejected the idea that the crew members could be treated as spies under international law.

Allen W. Dulles, former head of the Central Intelligence Agency, said in a television interview this week the United States should refrain from the use of force in its attempts to retrieve the crew.

He declared: "I don't think the agent who is sent in expects any military power to follow him up if he gets into difficulty."

Kin Largely Unaware

The North Koreans have held the ship and its crew since January 23.

Mrs. Wallace Anderson, sister-in-law of Wayne D. Anderson, of Waycross, Ga., a communications technician, said: "In a way we heard there might be some secret stuff about his job but he wasn't a talkative boy and never said anything about it."

But Mrs. Anderson said the crewman's kin "just considered he was in the Navy."

Mrs. Charles Crandell, Sr., of Kansas City, said her son Charles Jr. Jarado Iman, had told his parents nothing of his

duties but that they had no reason to think of him as a spy.

Military Move Opposed

Charles M. Kisler, of St. Louis, father of communications technician Earl Kisler, said he knew his son had to obtain a security clearance before joining the ship.

"I don't feel they were spies," Dulles implied," said KISLER. "They might have been pinpointing locations of shore installations through radio transmissions, but that seems an entirely different matter."

"I feel going into North Korea with armed forces would be entirely the wrong approach. You might only be signing their death warrants."

"Oceanographic" Mission

Gerald Nolte, of Washington, Iowa, is the father of another of the prisoners, Clifford Nolte, an electronics technician. He said his son had described the Pueblo's mission as "oceanographic"—all he mentioned was that they were testing the depth of the water in various places.

"We didn't know it was an intelligence ship and we most certainly did not think of him as an agent," Nolte added.

Mrs. Monique Strano of Hartford, Conn., stepmother of Angelo Strano, a communications technician, said:

"Angelo never mentioned anything about being a spy or anything like that."

Death Report Unclear

"Of course we knew he was going something in electronics and that his ship was full of electronic equipment," Mrs. Strano said. "but monitoring is a long way from being a spy."

Jesse Hodges, of Creswell, Ore., is the father of fireman Duane Hodges, the only member of the Pueblo's crew who was killed when the North Koreans seized the ship.

"We didn't have any idea what her mission was and we still haven't been told exactly how Duane died," Hodges said. Mrs. Oliver Langenberg, mother of Peter Langenberg, a communications technician, said she and her husband were unaware of the nature of the Pueblo's assignment or their son's duties "but we did not think of him as an agent and still don't."

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